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Dear County Executive Hein and Chairman Bernardo:

I am pleased to issue the Sheriff's Office 2011 Annual Report.

Events that drew our members to the front lines of hazard and catastrophe during 2011 included the crash of a vintage military jet in the Hudson River on February 26 and, of course, the devastation to our area and its citizens wrought by Tropical Storms Irene and Lee beginning August 28. For the following two and a half weeks, deputies and command staff joined police, fire and other responders in a massive emergency effort carried out in flood-ravaged areas of Ulster County and coordinated at two command posts set up in Phoenicia and Belleayre Mountain Ski Center.

Meanwhile, the rank and file of the Sheriff's Office, along with civilian staff, performed their daily jobs with dedication, professionalism, and a sincere and unassuming desire to serve. From the dangerous work of an undercover narcotics officer to the never-ending campaign of our patrols to remove drunk drivers from the roads, to correction officers' duties keeping order among inmates in the jail, this is work that requires putting oneself on the line every day, and it fills me with pride in the men and women of the Sheriff's Office.

The following pages share our accomplishments with you and the public. I welcome any thoughts, and I look forward to our continuing to serve.

Sincerely,
Paul J. VanBlarcum
Sheriff of Ulster County

Frank P. Faluotico
Undersheriff

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2011 IN REVIEW: TROPICAL STORM IRENE

Tropical Storm Irene dumped inches of rain on all of Ulster County on August 28th. During Irene the Ulster County Sheriff's In-Water Search and Rescue Team, along with the Ulster Hose Dive Team, participated in the rescue of over 30 people who needed to be evacuated due to flooding. The hardest hit part of the county was Shandaken. There was widespread flooding throughout the county. The image right illustrates the flooding in downtown Kingston.



URGENT

URGENT combats drugs, gangs and other criminal activity around the clock. This inter-agency task force operates under the command of Detective Lt. Edwin Brewster of the Sheriff's Office. The unit is a steady disrupting force against criminal activity ranging from cocaine and heroin trafficking to New-York-based gang operations active in Ulster. The range of offenses investigated by URGENT includes illegal firearms and prostitution as well as drug crimes.



The following agencies have members assigned to URGENT: Ulster County Sheriff's Office, Kingston Police, Town of Lloyd Police, Town of Plattekill Police, Town of Woodstock Police, Town of Shandaken Police, Ulster County Probation, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the United States Marshals.

URGENT 2011

Cases opened	206
Assists	90
Persons arrested	114
Assists	4
Gang members arrested	10 Bloods, 2 Crips
Felonies	210
Assists	7
Misdemeanors	82
Assists	5
Violations	25
Search warrants	14
Assists	4

Seizures

Guns	37
Cash	\$29,690.00
Cocaine (grams)	238.8
Assists	88
Heroin (decks)	1,365
Assists	23
Marijuana (lbs)	112.841
Ecstasy (D/U's)	5
Pharmaceuticals (pills)	1,295
LSD (D/U's)	10

FROM THE URGENT 2011 CASE FILES

May: Drug Trafficking Organization investigation

URGENT began investigating the Juan Beniquez drug trafficking organization (DTO). The Beniquez DTO was trafficking cocaine from Port Jervis into the Kingston area and supplying mid-level Kingston cocaine dealers. On August 25, URGENT arrested Beniquez DTO member Elijah Cabrera, 19, of Kingston, with an ounce of cocaine. He was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance 3rd degree. Based on additional intelligence from Cabrera, URGENT continued the investigation and executed a search warrant at the home of Juan Beniquez located in Greenville, Orange County. The search revealed 4.5 ounces of cocaine and a handgun. Beniquez fled to Arizona and is wanted on possession, weapons and conspiracy charges.



July: Heroin trafficker arrested in Ulster

Town of Ulster Police handled an armed home invasion robbery at 231 City View Terrace in Ulster. The victim was a known heroin dealer, Arnulfo “Arnold” Arambulo. Investigation pointed to his being a significant trafficker in the Kingston area. URGENT conducted surveillance and made several heroin purchases from him. On July 8, URGENT executed a search warrant at 231 City View Terrace, which revealed approximately 200 “bags” or “decks” of heroin, U.S. currency and drug packaging material. Arambulo was arrested and charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree, criminal possession of a controlled substance, 7th degree, and criminal nuisance, 2nd degree.



July: Parole violator confesses to robbery after manhunt

Woodstock PD and URGENT investigated a robbery involving an erroneous drug transaction. The suspect, a felony parole violator named Jesse Halpern, was observed by Woodstock Police on July 23, but fled on foot. Halpern was pursued by police, K-9, and aviation units for approximately 8 hours and was not apprehended. URGENT and Woodstock officers assigned to URGENT used confidential informants to learn his location. On July 30, URGENT arrested Halpern in Poughkeepsie, and the suspect confessed the robbery to URGENT and Woodstock Police. He was charged with robbery, 2nd degree.



October: BLOODS gang members arrested

URGENT began investigating crack cocaine sales in southern Ulster County involving members of the BLOODS gang traveling from Middletown. URGENT members made several significant crack cocaine purchases from suspects in the hamlet of Wallkill. The officers arrested three persons from Middletown and charged them with 16 felonies, as well as seizing approximately an ounce of crack cocaine. Arrested were Jamarr Ferguson, a/k/a “Pine,” Anna Arocho, and Marie A. Eckerson. The three faced felony charges for criminal sale of a controlled substance, criminal possession of a controlled substance, intent to sell, and conspiracy.



CRIMINAL DIVISION

On call 24/7, the Criminal Division has three main branches: Road Patrol, Detectives, and Security Services. URGENT overlaps internally with other Criminal Division departments and also with the Ulster County Jail. The Criminal Division has 77 sworn personnel consisting of 57 full time deputies encompassing supervisors, patrol deputies and detectives plus 20 part-time deputies.

ROAD PATROL

The Road Patrol operates from the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center and also from the four substations located in Wallkill, Esopus, and Shandaken and at Joseph V. Resnick Airport in Wawarsing. Under the command of Captain Michael O. Freer, the road patrol comprises the main law enforcement force of the Sheriff's Office. These deputies patrol roads and waterways, give assistance and protection, enforce the laws, and arrive on the scene when a crime or incident occurs. The department enforces orders of protection and maintains the governmental registry of sex offenders.

Specialized teams to which deputies can be assigned include the Navigation Unit, In-Water Search and Rescue Unit, and the K9 Unit. Certain deputies perform dedicated service of a specific kind, termed Special Programs. The URGENT, Internet Crimes Against Children, and Family Violence units fall into this category, as do specialized assignments including training, processing warrants and evidence, and grant-writing.

Sheriff's Office Totals 2011

Calls for Service:	17,449 (roughly the same as 2010)
Arrests:	1,288
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	770
Traffic Tickets:	5,161

The following pages detail activity at the four substations in Wawarsing, Wallkill, Esopus and Shandaken.

Wawarsing Station Zone 1

Patrolling the Towns of Ellenville, Wawarsing,
Rochester, Marbletown

155 Airport Rd.

Napanoch, NY 12458

(845) 647-2677

During 2011, the Zone 1 substation was manned by nine deputies under the supervision of Sergeants Glenn VanKleeck and George Goodwin.



January 21 Deputy Chris Lutz responded to a 911 poll of a 1 1/2 year old child not breathing. Upon arrival Deputy Lutz found the child to be breathing. He and a NYS trooper opted to transport the child directly to Ellenville Hospital. The child made a full recovery.

March 24 Deputy Stuart McKenzie responded to a structure fire. Upon arrival he found the house engulfed in smoke. Deputy McKenzie located a female inside the residence attempting to remove animals. Deputy McKenzie removed the female from the residence twice. The fire department extinguished the fire, and there was no loss of human or animal life.

April 17 A domestic dispute between a boy and girlfriend resulted in her stabbing him several times. The subject was airlifted to Westchester Medical Center where he recovered. Due to the overwhelming amount of blood at the scene and the danger of exposure to blood-borne disease, deputies were instructed to respond to and be examined at the Ellenville Hospital.

Calls for Service

Ellenville	501
Marbletown	743
Rochester	1,253
Wawarsing	1,544
Total	4,041

	2011	2010	2009
Arrests			
DWI	31	36	33
ABC 65c	0	3	23
Drugs	6	16	
Warrant	63	69	55
All other	270	230	233
Total	370	353	344
Accidents			
Property	230	206	187
Damage			
Personal	57	55	56
Injury			
Fatal	2	2	0
Total	289	263	243
TSLEDs	2,230	1,714	1,566
Complaints			
Non-criminal	2,530		
Criminal	764		
cases			
Domestics	109		
Total	3,294		
Civil papers served:	38		
Orders of protection served:	89		
Miles	151,566	143,129	94,004
patrolled			
Fuel used	14,613		
(Town of	gal.		
Rochester			
Highway			
Dept.)			

Wallkill Station Zone 2

Patrolling the Towns of Shawangunk, Gardiner,
Plattekill, Marlborough, Lloyd, New Paltz

Route 208, Wallkill

(845) 895-3011

During 2011, the Zone 2 substation operated with six deputies under the supervision of Sergeant John Lawrence.



October 24 Deputies responded to a burglary call at a church located in the town of Shawangunk. A subject had entered the rectory and removed money. When the pastor entered the church, the subject ran from the building. With the assistance of several other deputies and the Shawangunk police a suspect was shortly thereafter and arrested on a warrant.

Calls for Service

Gardiner	564
Lloyd	259
Marlboro	137
New Paltz	238
New Paltz Village	129
Plattekill	1,225
Shawangunk	1,096
Total	3,648

	2011	2010	2009
Arrests			
DWI	14	66	9
ABC 65c*	1	2	2
Warrant	40	32	54
All other	97	91	104
Total	152	191	169
Accidents			
Property Damage	84	64	89
Personal Injury	8	33	33
Fatal	0	1	0
Total	92	108	122
moving vehicle accidents			
TSLEDs	4,496	636	769
Complaints			
Non-criminal	913		
Criminal cases	226		
Total	1,139		
Domestics	49		
Manpower assigned full time	6	4	5
Miles patrolled	151,055	62,386	71,831

Esopus Station Zone 3

**Patrolling the Town of Esopus, Rosendale,
Hurley, Kingston, Ulster, Saugerties**

Salem Street

Port Ewen, New York

(845) 338-3640

The Zone 3 substation, located in the Town of Esopus Town Hall, comprises eight full time patrol deputies supervised during 2011 by Sergeants Allen Rowe and Kevin Richards.

Terror Threat, Town of Ulster

Sgt. Scott Weaver, while assigned to supervise security of the county buildings, including DSS, was alerted by a worker that a male subject who had been denied visitation with his child because of a positive drug test threatened to retrieve a firearm and abduct the child from school. Sgt. Weaver notified members of the patrol and detective divisions. The subject was located and charged with the felony of making a terroristic threat.



Homicide, Town of Hurley

Sheriff's deputies and New York State Police responded to Old Route 209 in Hurley, where a homicide had occurred. The victim Anne Gaffney was bludgeoned to death during a robbery. The suspect was located and taken into custody by members of the New York State Police and Sheriff's Office.

Hash Oil Seizure, Town of Hurley

Joseph Barton and his wife Paula Barton were pulled over on Zena Rd. and found to be in possession of approximately one ounce of marijuana and over 2 ounces of hash oil.

Calls for Service

Esopus	2,670
Hurley	618
Kingston City	1,109
Kingston Town	186
Rosendale	1,395
Saugerties Town	487
Saugerties Village	106
Ulster	1,238
Out of County	88
Total	7,897

	2011	2010	2009
Arrests			
DWI	26	32	75
ABC 65c		1	5
Warrant	45	79	88
All other		209	213
Total	293	321	381
Accidents			
Property	132	178	253
Damage			
Personal	42	38	48
injury			
Fatal	0	0	3
Total	174	218	304
accidents			
Tickets	587	657	1860
Manpower		8	10
assigned full			
time			
Miles	154,542	175,004	199,582
patrolled			



Shandaken Station Zone 4

**Patrolling the Towns of Shandaken, Woodstock,
Olive, Denning, Hardenburgh**

State Route 28

Shandaken, New York

(845) 688-2233

This substation operates from Shandaken Town Hall on Rte. 28 with four deputies assigned under the supervision of Sergeant Wallace Fulford.

March 19, Home Invasion

Deputies and Shandaken police responded to a report of a home invasion. Two suspects had entered a residence with long guns and flak jackets, demanding drugs and money. They were overpowered and severely injured by the homeowner and a guest. Both subjects were transported to Kingston Hospital and Albany Medical Center. Charges including burglary, CPW, reckless endangerment, and unlawfully wearing a bulletproof vest were lodged against the suspects. UCSO detectives and crime scene techs processed the scene.

August 28, Tropical Storm Irene

Irene hit the area very hard, causing several towns to be placed in a state of emergency. Flood waters devastated many homes, bridges and roadways. UCSO divers and rescue personnel conducted numerous dangerous rescue missions at several residences.

Calls for Service

Denning	39
Hardenburgh	15
Olive	677
Shandaken	827
Woodstock	196
Total	1,754

	2011	2010	2009
Arrests			
DWI	4	14	6
ABC 65c		0	1
Drugs	25	13	
Warrant	26	43	9
All other	75	117	63
Total	136	187	79
Accidents			
Property	66	107	98
Damage			
Personal Injury	21	27	16
Fatal	0	1	0
Total motor vehicle accidents	87	135	114
Traffic tickets	422	2712	793
Complaints			
Incidents	1,642		
Cases	255		
Manpower assigned full time	4	7	3
Miles patrolled	92,783	90,524	52,000

Special Operations

Ulster County STOP DWI

Under a memorandum of agreement with Ulster County STOP DWI, the Sheriff's Office performs sobriety checkpoints and selective enforcement details to distribute information and enlist the cooperation of the driving public to identify problems and increase public awareness. Below is a summary of this campaign during 2011.

Total Task Force hours: 824

Total Task Force details: 128

Individuals arrested by Task Force patrols for DWI: 18, DWAI: 3

Individuals arrested by routine patrols for DWI: 73, DWAI: 8

Task Force tickets issued: 251

Alcohol/drug-related crashes: 6

Alcohol/drug-related fatal crashes: 1

Stop DWI Checkpoint, October 28, 2011

The Sheriff's Office, cooperating with the Town of Lloyd PD and the New York State Police, conducted a road check on Rte. 299 in the Town of Lloyd between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. The Sheriff's Mobile Command Post was stationed in the Heritage Square parking lot. Under the supervision of a lieutenant and two sergeants, deputies, officers and troopers conducted field interviews in the road and a standardized field sobriety test, if they believed they were encountering an impaired or intoxicated driver.

34 vehicles were pulled to the side for a secondary screening and interview.

18 operators were put through sobriety tests.

13 operators were administered alcohol breath tests.

4 drivers with a BAC of .05 or lower were sent home with a safe ride.

9 cars were subjected to a K9 vehicle walk around, of which 3 were searched by the K9.

The operation resulted in 9 arrests and 5 traffic tickets.

TRAINING UNIT

During 2011, in-service training for sheriff's deputies held at UCLEC included the following courses: defensive tactics, CPR, nutrition, firearms qualification – firearms range, FATS / non-lethal reality-based training, taser recertification, computer update, E-Justice update, strangulation law, report writing and DNA evidence collection. Officers from the police departments of the towns of Rosendale and Wappinger attended some of these courses.

Every member of the Sheriff's Office receives annual training, in compliance with federal and state law, on topics such as Right to Know, Workplace Violence, and Airborne and Bloodborne Pathogens

Training coordinated with other agencies and/or open to other agencies' officers included:
Instructor Development School, February 28 – March 11 at the Business Resource Center – joint training with Kingston Police Dept.

Dealing with the Media, May 2, Ulster County Law Enforcement Training Group

SWAT School, May 22 – May 28 (Ulster and Greene Counties Sheriff's Offices, conducted at facilities in both counties)

Supervisor School, May 30 – June 17, UCLEC - joint training with Kingston Police Dept.

Flying Armed, July, held at UCLEC - open to all police agencies



K9 Graduation

DETECTIVE UNIT

The Detective Unit of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office is commanded by a Detective Lieutenant and supervised by a Detective Sergeant. There are 7 division members assigned to the unit and one member assigned to the multi-jurisdictional, inter-county Family Violence Task Force.

The primary function of the Detective Unit is to apprehend those offenders who elude arrest at the hands of the Patrol Unit and to investigate incidents and offenses such as death cases, sex offenses, violent felony offenses, burglary and stolen property offenses, gambling offenses, and controlled substance offenses. The duties of the Detective Unit supplement those of the uniformed Patrol Unit.

In 2011, **Abram D. Markiewicz** was promoted to the rank of Detective Sergeant. **Margaret A. Waage, Christopher A. Lutz, and Chad A. Storey** were promoted to the rank of Deputy Sheriff Detective.

DETECTIVE UNIT CASE STATISTICS 2011

Total cases	364		
Closed by investigation	119	Closed, prosecution declined	20
Closed by arrest	81	Closed, victim refused to cooperate	9
Open	79	Closed, exceptional clearance	5
Closed, pending further development	52	Closed, unfounded	3
Type of Case			
Arson	2	Medical	3
Assault, all types	20	Menacing	2
Attempt to locate	1	Missing person	12
Background investigations	26	MVA, fatal	3
Burglary, all types	68	MVA, injury	4
Contraband, UC Jail	9	Narcotics investigation	1
Counterfeiting	4	O/P violation	1
Controlled substance	1	Possession of stolen property	3
Criminal mischief	1	Possession of a weapon	1
Criminal possession of marihuana	1	Rape, all types	5
Criminal trespass	1	Recovered stolen property	1
Death investigations	15	Requests for assistance	53
Falsely reporting	2	Robbery	1
Forcible touching	2	Scheme to defraud	2
Forgery	4	Sex abuse	1
Found property	4	Stolen handgun	2
Fraud	6	Strangulation	2
Harassment	15	Suicide/attempted suicide	5
Identity theft	5	Suspicious activity	5
Internet related / ICAC	22	Terrorist threat	1
Larceny (Felony)	13	Warrant investigations/arrests (U.S. Marshals Taskforce)	18
Larceny (Misdemeanor)	14	Welfare check	1
Lost property	1		

DETECTIVE UNIT / INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

The ICAC Unit is a subdivision of the Detective Unit and is supervised by the detective sergeant. The ICAC Unit is staffed by detectives and a part time deputy sheriff. Its mission is to identify, investigate, apprehend and prosecute internet sexual predators who exploit children through the use of computers and the internet.

DETECTIVE UNIT / WARRANTS

Active warrants on file with the Sheriff's Office are published on the Sheriff's website: www.co.ulster.ny.us/sheriff.

The public is encouraged to review the list. The Active Warrants link lists the wanted person's name, date of birth, last known address (town/city), the offense, and the date of issuance of the warrant.

The presence of a person's name on the list is not considered as probable cause to detain the subject, and the public is not to act on its own concerning any listed warrants. Confirmation of the existence of a valid warrant is made to authorized individuals only.

	2011	2010	2009
Warrants Received	266	314	258
Bench Warrants	119	109	105
Arrest Warrants	81	143	88
Family Court Warrants	63	55	62
Probation Warrants	3	3	3
Fugitive from Justice	0	0	0
Warrants Closed by Arrest	153	179	185
Warrants Closed by Other (Vacate/Recall/CBI)	70	55	82

FROM THE DETECTIVE DIVISION 2011 CASE FILES

Mark/Maurice Lane incident (0480-11), case agent Detective Markiewicz

On 1/12/11 personnel responded to 272 Broadway in Port Ewen for a reported fight involving a person attempting to enter a residence armed with a bat. While parties were being interviewed at the Sheriff's Substation Zone 3, members of the other half of the incident rammed a vehicle belonging to the people inside Zone 3, while other members harassed members of that family in Connelly. After investigation, 5 people were arrested and charged with numerous offenses including burglary 2nd, criminal mischief 2nd, harassment 2nd, criminal mischief 4th, menacing 2nd, assault 3rd, disorderly conduct, and leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

Ruben Lindo fraud arrest (1184-11), case agent Detective Robertson

Between January and May 2011, Detective Robertson investigated a scheme by Mr. Lindo to defraud others along with numerous other fraud-related charges. The Detective Unit cooperated with the Department of Motor Vehicles to investigate altered business documents, resulting in the arrest of Mr. Lindo. This case is currently pending.

Anton Jerez ICAC P2P arrest (1726-11), case agent Detective Markiewicz

On 02/09/11 members of this agency's ICAC Unit and the New York State Police ICAC Task Force executed a search warrant in Plattekill on a residence that had been tracked downloading and transmitting child pornography. Evidence was seized at the house, and Mr. Jerez later gave a full confession to Detective Markiewicz and Investigator Mullins. He later accepted a plea offer to reduced charges, was placed on 10-years of probation, was required to register as a sex offender, and forfeited ownership of the computer equipment seized.

CSX Train Fatality (4913-11), case agent Detective Bruck

On 4/25/11, agency members responded to a train/pedestrian fatal accident in the area of Floyd Ackert Road in West Park. Further investigation into the decedent's failure to move for the train, (along with his brother's same behavior), has resulted in months of additional investigation, including protracted legal action with CSX in an effort to obtain a viewable copy of the camera

footage captured in the locomotive. This case is still under investigation, and possible criminal charges have not been ruled out.

Eric Owen burglaries (12863, 14255, 14426-11), case agent Detective Lutz

Between September and October, this agency handled three burglaries to Gardiner area businesses and churches. In the course of investigating these offenses, Detective Lutz, through initiative and dedication, located a highly probable suspect, Eric Owen, and proceeded to obtain confessions to all three burglaries, as well as two other burglaries being handled by the Plattekill Town Police.

Dana Rice Missing Person (13333-11), case agent Detective Montfort

On 10/4/11 an investigation commenced relative to the disappearance of Ms. Rice from the Gallis Hill Road area. Searches and investigation yielded no conclusive indications of her whereabouts until 10/7 when a resident of Gallis Hill Road found Ms. Rice's vehicle on her property. A search of the adjacent embankment resulted in us locating Ms. Rice's body.

Burglary of Slattery residence (17329-11), case agent Detective Lutz

On 12/29/11 numerous units responded to 756 Broadway in Esopus for a reported home-invasion-style robbery/burglary. Numerous interviews have been conducted, and evidence recovered from the scene has been submitted for laboratory analysis. As this is an active investigation as of this writing, additional details have been omitted from this paragraph.

NAVIGATION UNIT

During 2011 the Navigation Unit was on the water for 350 hours with an accumulated total of 700 man-hours patrolling on the water. The navigation unit conducted 400 on-water safety inspections of bridges, fuel storage and like buildings and structures; 150 inspections of launch sites and marinas, 37 vessel safety boarding inspections, 20 vessel/person assists, and 12 searches and rescues. 42 warning tickets were issued, and 8 tickets were issued.



The Navigation Unit assisted in the recovery of several victims in what is remembered to be one of the worst boating accidents locally, in the Hudson River (see article reprinted below). The Unit also assists the United States Coast Guard with inspections and boardings, when needed. The Unit also assists with many triathlon events and other activities that happen on the river, including kayaking, swimming, and fishing events.

Members of the navigation team also conducted 2 boater safety classes for the boating public and assisted in the training with the UCERT team for the navigation assault. The team spent several hours deploying off M27 to practice techniques in the event the "Rip Van Winkle" pleasure cruise boat was under siege.

Kingston Daily Freeman, July 10, 2011

Four dead in Hudson River boating accident near Tivoli

TIVOLI — Four people died in a boating accident this morning on the Hudson River north of Tivoli, Dutchess County Sheriff's deputies said.

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Capt. Paul Piastro, who was in Tivoli this afternoon, said there was a 911 call between 4 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. about the accident. He said a motorboat about 15 feet long with multiple occupants apparently struck a concrete obstruction in the water that juts out from shore on the east side of the river about a mile north of Broadway in Tivoli. When the boat hit the obstruction, several people were ejected from the boat, he said. Piastro would not be more specific about the number of people involved.

He said darkness and speed may have been factors in the accident and that police are looking into whether alcohol may have been involved.

IN-WATER SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office dive team consists of 16 members from the Corrections and Criminal divisions, trained in dive and swift water rescue. The Sheriff's Office maintains an emergency response dive vehicle and two water craft that are used in assignments. The team is ready to respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The team responded to 12 calls for service in 2011.



FROM THE IN-WATER RESCUE TEAM'S 2011 INCIDENT FILES

February 27 A vintage jet crashed into the frozen Hudson River, killing the pilot and submerging him under the ice. It required two days to remove the victim, and resulted in the loss of nearly \$32,000 worth of equipment. (See article below.)

June 8 The unit recovered a drowning victim at a swimming hole in High Falls.

July 10 Assisted the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office with a 4-person fatal boating accident in Tivoli.

October 3 Assisted the State Police with an evidence recovery dive at Sam's Point in reference to a cold case homicide.

Times Herald-Record, February 27, 2011

Doctor dies in Hudson River Crash

By Michael Novinson

KINGSTON — A Germantown doctor lost his life Saturday doing what he loved.

Podiatrist Michael Faraldi, 38, had spent a few days in Nashville, Tenn., switching from an old general aviation plane to a training jet, his best friend, Dr. Ken Newman, said. Faraldi crashed on his first flight with the BAC Strikemaster 167.

Newman and his wife, Melissa, were at the Kingston-Ulster Airport Saturday, planning to take a short jaunt over to Columbia County to welcome Faraldi home and see the new plane.

Instead Newman ended up watching Faraldi's plane plummet nose-first into foot-thick ice on the Hudson River, just hundreds of yards from the airport, after making a low pass over the airport at 1:32 p.m.

"This is not happening in front of me," Newman thought. "This can't be real."

SHERIFF'S K9 UNIT

The K9 teams are a critical part of this agency's work. They have a long history in this office going back two decades with the arrival of K9 Ben in 1991. Since then, our units have grown in numbers, skill and professionalism and are completely integrated in this agency's police and investigation work. K9 units also help build goodwill for USCO in the community. Through appearances in parades, fairs, and other events, these teams create a connection with people, particularly with children, that is absolutely unique.

FROM THE K9 UNIT 2011 CASE FILES

January 4 Deputy McKenzie requested **Sergeant Wally Fulford and K9 Drago** (pictured right) to track a suspect Keith Bruce, who had fled from a traffic stop and was wanted on a parole warrant. The track led through the woods, around several homes, and eventually across the creek along Rte. 209 where it stopped. A witness observed a subject along Berme Rd. fitting that description. A second track was commenced and Drago located the subject hiding along the railroad tracks. He was arrested.

January 20 Deputy James Slinsky and K9 Kilo assisted Ulster PD, Woodstock PD and NYSP with an armed subject inside a residence. Once subjects were secured, a drug search inside by Kilo revealed a quantity of marihuana, cocaine and heroin inside a dresser drawer.

July 6 URGENT requested Deputy James Mullen and K9 Triton (right) to assist with a traffic stop in Wallkill. The K9 was deployed inside the vehicle and alerted upon the dashboard where 31 decks of heroin were located. The subject was arrested and remanded to jail. Later that night, a search was done of approximately \$13,000 cash in bail money brought by the subject's father. K9 alerted on the cash as well for the presence of drugs.

	2011	2010	2009
Self generated K9 uses	77	39	109
Assist UCSO members	30	41	31
Assist other agencies	65	96	74
Call outs	1	3	1
Narcotics vehicle searches	95	85	137
Area searches	2	2	3
Narcotics building searches	17	3	5
Explosives searches	1	0	3
Cadaver searches	0	0	6
Tracking incidents	38	63	44
Article searches	4	14	2
Jail details	15	15	21
Parades and demonstrations	11	14	9
Drug finds	21	20	17
Suspect finds	8	22	8



December 31 Deputy George Carlson and K9 Griff were called to track on a suicidal male subject who had left a residence armed with a handgun. Deputy Carlson was able to track the subject through the woods. The distraught man indicated to patrols he was going to kill himself.

On February 22 and September 26, **Deputy Thomas Lattin and K9 Beal** assisted URGENT with Fed Ex package searches. On both days, Beal alerted upon packages which contained many lbs. of marihuana.

CO Dwain Caunitz and K9 Jagger (right below) in the Jail conducted daily searches of over 150 lockers as well as daily visitors and parking lot vehicles. Several small quantities of marihuana were found in visitors' lockers in 2011. On August 11, the team assisted URGENT with searching \$5,000.00 US currency which was seized as a result. Dwain also assisted other agencies in 3 vehicle searches and 2 tracks outside the jail facility.

All K9 Teams

June 2- 5, 2011 the teams conducted a traffic detail with URGENT members on Rte. 32 in the Town of Saugerties during the Mountain Jam music festival. Several marihuana arrests along with traffic tickets resulted, and a Nissan was seized from drug activity.



ULSTER COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (UCERT)

This unit is a multi-jurisdictional team that supports the various municipalities of the County with a tactical response to critical incidents. It is composed of a tactical entry unit, a perimeter containment unit, and a crisis negotiation unit composed of police officers of each of the participating municipalities. Critical incidents may include hostage situations, barricade situations, a sniper, high-risk apprehension, high-risk warrant search, personal protection of special persons such as VIPs, witnesses or suspects, special assignments and an act of terrorism.

The UCERT Team had 4 notable incidents in 2011:

April 19, 3:00 a.m. UCERT was activated for an armed barricaded subject holding approximately 6 hostages at a residence on Broadway in Port Ewen. On arrival UCERT made a stealth entry into the residence after receiving the front door key from one of the hostages located on the second floor. The team moved to the second floor and safely evacuated the hostages. It was planned that the team would use 2 Noise Flash Diversionary Devices (NFDDs) to be set off simultaneously to get the subject to answer the phone and talk to negotiators as all previous attempts had failed. Upon deployment of the NFDD's the subject spoke to and complied with negotiators and was taken into custody. The residence was cleared and several long guns were taken into evidence and turned over to the detectives. The residence was deemed clear and safe and turned over to detectives.

July 7, 4:00 p.m. UCERT was activated for an armed barricaded subject on Route 28A in Marbletown. UCERT, NYSP MRT and DEP SWAT were utilized due to an extreme hot weather condition. The DEP SWAT members integrated with the UCERT team to provide a hard perimeter. Negotiations were ongoing and continued until approximately 11:30 pm when the subject surrendered to NYSP. All perimeter teams stayed in place until the residence was cleared and deemed secure. The subject was turned over to NYSP patrols.

November 12 11:00 p.m. UCSO patrol units were responding to a UC 911 "shots fired" call at a residence on Mahoney Road in Milton. UCERT was called in by the Marlborough police chief whose officers were being shot at. Team members took up positions on all four sides of the residence, with a sniper team in place on the front of the residence. Negotiators contacted the subject via cell phone and at 2 am the subject surrendered himself to UCERT, who turned him over to Marlborough Town PD. The residence was cleared and weapons were recovered and also a marihuana grow was discovered in the attic area.

December 12, 2:30 pm UCERT was activated for what was believed to be 2 persons who were involved in an armed robbery earlier in the day and were now barricaded in a residence on Center Street in Ellenville. On arrival, negotiators attempted to contact the subjects without success. The team entered the residence and searched for the subjects, finding no one. A second residence was also searched as it was believed a cell phone ping came from that residence. Again the house was empty. The scene was turned over to the Ellenville PD, and the team was released.

Team Accomplishments

May 22 – 29 The entire team with the exception one member successfully completed Basic SWAT School along with members of the Greene County Sheriff's Office Team.

Team members also participated in planning and organizing training sessions. The team participated in water borne/water craft assaults, and it is believed we are the first team in the area to have such training. Below are photographs from that training.



SECURITY SERVICES UNIT

This unit's role is to ensure a safe environment for employees and visitors. Uniformed deputy sheriffs and security officers provide security at the County Office Building, Department of Social Services, Mental Health, Probation, Veteran's Agency, Purchasing and the Trudy Resnick Building. To the right are 2011 statistics from several security locations.

Notable Accomplishments at DSS in 2011

Careful budget management saved \$23,000, used to purchase extra security screening equipment at no extra cost to taxpayers.

A 4 1/2 year old security breach was identified and corrected. The breach was caused by Office of the Aging personnel and clients entering DSS through a non-secure entrance. They now use the main entrances, where they are screened through security equipment.

Attention to parking lot problems has increased safety in this area. Regular and handicapped parking spaces have been freed up through better layout and enforcement of existing rules.

Pedestrian and other safety issues concerning Plainfield St. behind DSS have been addressed, by cooperating with the Town of Ulster to get better signage and road markings.

A new policy for transport of low-risk Mental Health clients to hospitals has saved taxpayer money. They are now transported by the County with a deputy on board, instead of via ambulance, saving over \$900 per trip.

Department of Social Services	Total
Magnascanner Count	316,051
Weapons held for safekeeping	1,605
Incident Reports	48
Assistance calls	883
Investigate report of fire	1
Warrant arrests	7
Other arrests	7
Medical calls	25
Parking Calls	40
TsLEDs	24
Parking Tickets	79

Ulster County Probation

Magnascanner count	29,496
Weapons held for safekeeping	69
Incident reports	12
Emergency calls	3
Assistance calls	152
Warrant arrests	39
Other arrests	5
Medical calls	2

Office of Mental Health

Code Blue alarms*	60
Stand By	79
Escorts	1,383
Smokers	577
Medical emergencies	12
Accidents	2
Non-Criminal Complaints	22
Lockouts	3
Weapons Secured	174
Other / Misc	3,189
(Security checks, battery boosts, assistance requests, fire drills)	

***Terminology:** Code Blue alarms are panic alarms installed in every office, used to alert officers of violent situations or serious medical emergencies.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

The Sheriff's Office promotes safety and crime protection through community campaigns which benefit and educate citizens. Programs include:

PROJECT LIFESAVER

This is a search-and-rescue program for locating individuals who have wandered, such as those afflicted with Alzheimers, dementia and autism. Nine sheriffs' deputies are trained in the use of this equipment. The individual wears a personalized wristband that emits a tracking signal. Should he or she become lost, a call to 911 will result in a Sheriff's rescue team to be deployed to the area. They use antenna equipment to find the wanderer in a half an hour or less. The speedy rescue time greatly enhances the chance that the person will be returned safely.



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

Deputies go out in the community to teach proper use and installation of child safety seats. When used correctly, child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71%. Every year, sheriff's deputies install or give away 300 child seats, purchased with grant money, to those who meet the criteria.



OPERATION SAFE CHILD ID

The Sheriff's Office participates in the state-wide Operation SAFE CHILD ID. The program allows a child's photograph, fingerprints and biographical information to be stored in Albany to be used in the event the child is missing so that an Amber Alert can be activated. Deputies print the cards on site at schools and community events.

SHERIFF'S SUMMER CAMP

The NYS Sheriffs' Association Institute Summer Camp offers a camp experience to children across New York who otherwise might not have a chance to go. Located in Penn Yan, NY, the camp helps foster good relations between these children and the men and women of law enforcement, with sheriff's deputies serving as counselors and conducting demonstrations related to police work. In 2011, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office sent 27 children to the camp.

EXPLORER POST #129

The Ulster County Sheriff's Explorer Post #129, consisting of youth cadets, is a worksite based program for young men and women 14 to 20 years of age residing in Ulster County and interested in a law enforcement career. This program offers the Explorer Cadets hands-on learning.

CIVIL DIVISION

The Sheriff serves as the enforcement officer of the courts and legal community regarding civil matters. The Civil Division serves and executes the various legal processes issued by the non-criminal courts of the state and its subdivisions, as well as the legal community and the public.

The purpose of civil process is to give a defendant notice that a legal action or a proceeding is going to commence. Although any citizen 18 years or older can serve process if he or she is not party to the action, Sheriff's deputies are asked to serve process because of their traditionally good record keeping practices and professional service.

Specific civil processes include income executions, property executions, evictions, orders of attachment (seizures of property which may be used to satisfy a judgment); orders of seizure (seizures of items of personal property whose ownership and possession is disputed); and civil arrests. In each case, papers must be delivered in person to the defendant.

The Civil Division carries out pistol permits licensing, background checks, accident reports and accounting for jail bail and fine monies and the jail commissary.

During 2011, there was an average **decrease of 8.48% in papers processed** for service compared to 2010. This contributed to a 6.99% decrease in general services and 3.8% in execution preparation. The overall average revenue collected by the Civil Division **increased by 17.8%** over 2010. This difference is due to an **increase in income execution revenue of 8.7%** and in **property execution revenue of 280%**, despite the decrease of 9.1% in general fees revenue. Below is a summary of the division's performance.

Civil Papers Docketed 2011		2010
Total papers received and docketed for service (summons, complaints, orders, evictions)	868	
Income Executions		
First stage process	1,336	
Second stage process	840 (135 new)	
Total income executions	2,176	2258
Property Executions		
Service/levy	91	
Vehicle levy	2	
Real property sale	2	
Deed signing	1	
Order of seizure	3	
Order of attachment	0	
Commitment orders/Civil arrests	6	
Total Property Executions	105	112
Total Executions Processed	2,214	
New Executions Received	1,471	

Services Summary 2011

Family Court	314
Evictions completed	133
Evictions cancelled	185
Summons	229
Other services	53
Total services	875
Returns	127
Jurors served	80
Subpoenas returned	65
Total papers served (income and property executions, summonses)	3,302
Annual decrease	267

During 2011, the Civil Division took in a total of \$3,535,537.47, comprising monies from income executions, property executions, fees and bail. Of this, the County retained the fees summarized below and disbursed the remainder to creditors and others as required.

	Fees Collected 2011	2010
Income executions	189,385.94	173,144.09
Property executions	55,266.62	19,717.69
General / misc. fees		
Service fees	62,483.10	70,965.68
Pistol fees	25,374.00	25,024.50
Fingerprint fees	400.00	490.00
Record fees	1,200.75	2,800
Accident fees	265.10	299.45
Photo fees	3,078.00	2,887.50
Other fees	324.00	296.75
Total remitted to County	\$337,777.51	\$295,625.66
Increase in 2011	\$42,151.85	

Pistol Permit Statistics 2011

New Licenses Issued	437
Dealer/Gunsmith Licenses Issued	50
Duplicate Licenses Issued	553
Amendments Processed	4,286
New Applications filed	455
Applications Pending	162
People Fingerprinted	126
QICS*	2948

***Terminology: QICS**

The abbreviation refers to a check done on the applicant according to a requirement of the Brady Law. It reveals if that applicant is prohibited from acquiring a handgun.



SHERIFF

Corrections Division

2011 Annual Report



**SHERIFF PAUL J. VAN BLARCUM
UNDERSHERIFF FRANK P. FALUOTICO JR.
SUPERINTENDENT JAMES R. HANSTEIN**



Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. THE DETENTION FACILITY (UCLEC)

The Ulster County Law Enforcement Center (UCLEC) completed its 4th full year of operations. The facility includes the Ulster County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division, Corrections Division and the Civil Division. It is 277,000 square feet, which includes inmate housing, a medical department, and classes for G.E.D. through the Kingston School District, among other services. The UCLEC had an original rated capacity of 426 inmates however double bunking was instituted in several areas during 2011 increasing MFC the to 488 as stated by the New York State Department of Corrections.

The Corrections Division is supervised by a mandated security staff of 157. Build-in design features enable the Corrections Division to be eventually expanded to a higher capacity of 502 with additional double bunking. The Ulster County Law Enforcement Center continually conforms to the Rules & Regulations set forth by the New York State Corrections Law and the New York State Commission of Corrections.

Committed to the jail are prisoners that may be charged with any type of crime or violation, including homicide, sex crimes, DWI, trespassing, etc. In order to provide a safe and secure correctional institution for these inmates, the Sheriff's Office employs both full and part-time correction personnel. These

positions consist of correction officers, corporals, sergeants, 3 lieutenants, 2 captains, a warden and a superintendent.

B. DAILY POPULATION

The 2011 high count of 361 occurred on August 22nd and the low count of 298 occurred on November 30th. The overall daily population averaged 331 in 2011; this represents a slight decrease from the previous year. Once again the female population remained high, averaging 43 per day.

C. REVENUES

In October of 2007 the New York State Commission of Corrections allowed the Corrections Division to board in inmates from other jurisdictions. In June, 2008, UCLEC began receiving Federal inmates.

As a result of these agreements, Ulster County received a total of 587 inmates for 11,443 days, amounting to a total of \$989,574 in revenue. Of the total board-ins, 83 inmates were Federal inmates for 1,207 days. This accounted for \$23,114 of the total revenue. Reimbursement from DOCS for travel totaled \$17,546.

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office and Social Security Administration have worked together since 1999 on an Incentive Payment Agreement. This agreement exists with the Ulster County Jail providing inmate information to Social Security whereas Social Security then, if applicable, suspends benefit payments to the person(s) incarcerated. The amount of payment is determined by Social Security receiving the report within 30 days after the date of confinement begins. In this case \$400.00 would be applied per inmate. If the report is received after 30 days, but within 90 days of confinement, \$200.00 would be received. The UC Treasurer's General Fund received \$27,200 from the Social Security Incentive Program for FY'11.

SCAAP is a Federal program that gives partial reimbursement for the cost of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens, netting Ulster County \$12,198 for the FY '11.

Revenue for the Ulster County Corrections Division amounted to **\$1,046,518**.

D. BAILS AND FINES

The Corrections Division processed 587 bail postings and 2 fines. Total monies received by the facility were \$982,049 in bails and \$730 in fines. We also allow individuals to post bail using credit cards. In 2011, a total of 185 bails were posted by credit card amounting to \$259,650. The individuals that were incarcerated continue to represent a population with major substance abuse, communicable diseases and violent criminal histories. This type of population spends more sentenced time in jail and requires more direct supervision by officers. Many of the inmates represented by this type of population are recidivists – repeat offenders.

E. OVERTIME / PART TIME

Overtime and part time compensation for staff are essential in providing coverage for post coverage, staff vacancies, training, one-on-one supervisions, and transportation of sentenced and awaiting-sentence population. In 2011, money spent on overtime was \$963,983, a 25% increase from the previous year.

Part time totaled \$ 184,652, a decrease of 8 % due to part time hours being cut to half time. There were 239 inmates placed on one-on-one supervision which requires an officer assigned to the post 24 hrs. a day (three 8-hour shifts, 24 hours). The inmates were supervised for 365 days with multiple posts on many of

the days. The constant supervision post is above and beyond the minimum staffing requirement for the UCLEC. As a result all of the coverage is accomplished with overtime and part time staffing.

F. ACCREDITATION MEDICAL

Correction staff continues to work closely with Correction Medical Care (CMC) to maintain accreditation. For the last nine years, the medical dept. has maintained the Standards of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care.

**G. N.Y.S. COMMISSION OF CORRECTION/SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION
ACCREDITATION PROGRAM**

Representatives from the New York State Commission of Corrections visited the facility on several occasions in 2011. During these visits they reviewed the following standards: admissions, security and supervision, prisoner hygiene, discipline, visitation, exercise, classification, food service, sanitation, personnel standards and the grievance program. The UCLEC facility continues to meet all of the requirements to maintain the accreditation by the New York State Sheriff's Association.

II. INMATE RECORDS

A. RECEPTION, INTAKE & CLASSIFICATION

The Ulster County Jail's Intake / Classification Unit processed 2,291 initial classification screenings for the FY'11. Classification is based on age, prior criminal history, any gang affiliation, propensity for victimization, history of medical / mental illness, history of sex offenses, history of hostile relationships with other inmates, prior attempts at self injury or suicide, prior escapes or attempted escapes, attitude and behavior during present and prior incarcerations including any history of menacing behavior, victimization during incarceration, and any other information which may affect the safety and welfare of staff or other inmates.

1,284 re-classifications were also processed in 2011. Reclassification occurs if an inmate causes a disturbance, violates a rule or law, or is found guilty in the disciplinary process. It can also change when an inmate exhibits good behavior and follows the rules and regulations of the facility.

The breakdown of the inmates includes county admission, other counties' admission, state and federal:

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Total of Ulster County Admissions	1,568	383	1,951
Board-ins			
Other Counties	139	25	164
State	97	7	104
Federal	66	0	66
Other	5	1	6
TOTAL	1,875	416	2,291

Of the 2,291 inmates that were processed through the Ulster County Jail in 2011, sentencing is as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Non-Sentenced	1,391	334	1,725
Sentenced (Definite)	177	49	226
Other (Board-ins, State, Federals, Housed Out)	307	33	340
TOTAL	1,875	416	2,291

The *Local Conditional Release Program* is handled by New York State Parole. Eligibility requirements for inmates include a definite sentence from a local court, with a minimum of 90 days left to serve. Those inmates that are eligible can submit an application to New York State Parole, after serving a minimum of 30 days, and must serve 60 days before release to this program. In 2011 three (3) applications were submitted for consideration, all three were denied.

B. VICTIM NOTIFICATION (VINE)

The National Victim Notification Network, VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) allows crime victims across the country to obtain timely and reliable information about criminal cases and the custody status of offenders 24 hours a day. Victims and other concerned citizens can also register to be notified by phone, email, or TTY device. Registered users are notified immediately if an offender's status changes, such as release, transfer or escape. When a notification is triggered, VINE automatically continually calls the number(s) or sends an e-mail that the victim has provided. The Ulster County Sheriff's Office has continued to participate in the statewide victim notification program with Sergeant John Steketee and CO Warren Whitaker as coordinators. For the FY'11, the Ulster County Jail received 85,048 calls and made 2,984 notifications to victims. Additionally, 481 new victims requested notification. The general public can gain access by calling 1-888-846-3469 or logging on to www.vinelink.com, which 297 victims used. 635 victims were notified by e-mail.

C. COMPUTERIZATION UPDATE

The Corrections Division has been working with New World Systems (NWS) since July, 2004. NWS provides tailored reports for the Commission of Correction and in-house statistics such as electronic log books, live scans, and digital mug shots. Additionally, it will enable other police agencies to interface with our inmates and arrest records.

In 2011 New World Systems, the records management system for the jail, instituted the electronic visiting module. Previously all visits were hand logged in books. There are 8 officers trained and assigned in working with this program. This enables visiting reports to be printed on all inmates and their visitors. Also, as requested by Albany Veterans Administration, a report was created in order to track inmates whom have served in the US Military and may be able to receive additional benefits. We also currently have 30 officers trained in the Booking aspect of New World and another 120 who are able to keep electronic activity logs and look up basic inmate information. We continue to upgrade the system in order to move towards a full electronic system and eliminate the use of log books and paper.

The Corrections Division subscribes to E-Justice & E-Justice Portal Access. This agency currently has 45 active members with access to both E-Justice and the Portal Access. Uses included Daily Jail Reporting (DPRF), Wanted Persons Inquiries, Criminal History Information, NYS Sheriff's report and State Ready & Parole Ready reporting to NYS DOCS.

III FACILITY OPERATIONS

FACILITY REPORTS

A. GRIEVANCES

A grievance is an inmate's written complaint concerning facility policies, procedures, rules, practices, programs, or the actions or inactions of any person or services within the facility. All attempts are made to resolve the grievance in house. The Grievance Officer is designated by the Superintendent and available to help the inmate through the grievance process. Categories for inmate grievances are taken from the New York State Minimum Standards. Sgt. Kerry Winters was appointed as the full time grievance coordinator for 2011 and continues to hold that position.

TYPE OF GRIEVANCE	# OF COMPLAINTS		RESULTS	
Medical	92		Denied	106
Food Service	19		Accepted	0
Legal Service	10		Withdrawn	2
Commissary	14		Resolved in House	164
Exercise	0		Returned	0
Staff Conduct	41		I/M Released	27
Religion	5		No longer	0
Miscellaneous	120		processed	0
			Unfounded	0
			Appeal to SCOC	2
TOTAL	301		Total	301

B. INMATE HEARINGS

The Ulster County Jail disciplinary hearing panel reviewed 1,298 hearings by C.O. Michael Arcadipane. Even with the increased in population from board-ins, and more violent type of offenders being incarcerated, the number of infractions decreased 20%, from 2010. Several years ago, the NYS Minimum Standard Section 7006 was amended to allow the county to place a surcharge on any inmate who is found guilty at a disciplinary hearing. A total of \$3,805.00 was collected in surcharges from 733 inmates who were involved in disciplinary matters and incidents in 2011. Hearings were ranked and placed in the following categories:

CATEGORY	2009	2010	2011
Failure to comply	320	422	310
Assaults on other inmates	87	122	119
Assaults on staff	12	19	9
Contraband	74	51	44
Smoking	46	12	28
Destruction of property	17	16	12
Disorderly conduct	136	263	225
Abusive language or threats	173	270	177
Miscellaneous	360	400	331

Throwing of any Liquid or Substance	18	35	26
Failure to Attend School	5	13	17
Totals	1,248	1623	1298

*A total of \$116 was imposed for destruction of county property in 2011.

C. REPORTABLE INCIDENTS

As mandated by the New York State Correction Law, the New York State Commission of Corrections provides an internal and commission review of all incidents of a serious or potentially problematic nature. The following is a list of incidents that are to be reported to the Commission (a 25 % decrease from 2010):

REPORTABLE INCIDENT CATEGORIES	2008	2009	2010	2011
Deaths	0	2	0	0
Assaults	8	10	20	14
Sexual Assaults	0	0	0	0
Attempted Suicide	3	1	6	1
Self Inflicted Injuries	4	5	0	0
Accidental Injuries	2	2	4	3
Contagious Illness	0	0	0	0
Inmate Group Actions	0	0	0	0
Major Disturbances	0	0	0	0
Individual Inmate Disturbance	3	10	15	14
Natural / Civil Emergency	0	0	0	0
Major Maintenance or Service Disruption	0	0	0	0
Minor Disturbances	5	2	4	7
Personal Group Actions	0	0	0	0
Firearms Discharges	0	0	0	0
Fires	0	0	0	0
Escapes	0	1	0	0
Attempted Escapes	0	0	1	0
Absconders	0	0	0	0
Contraband	7	16	16	10
Hostage	0	0	0	0
Total:	32	49	66	49
Arrests:		20	19	8

D. GANG INTELLIGENCE UNIT

In an effort to combat the growing gang presence, the Gang Intelligence Unit gathers and validates information regarding individuals identified as members of Security Risk Groups (SRG). The Ulster County Sheriff's Office Gang Intelligence Unit works closely with the Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team (URGENT). These include the Sheriff's Office, Kingston Police Department, the Towns of Ulster, Saugerties, Lloyd, Plattekill, and Shandaken, United States Probation, United States Immigration Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.) and United States Marshals.

Upon admission, with the assistance of U.R.G.E.N.T., inmates are assessed based on self-admission, tattoos, clothing colors, beads, and hand signs. With the gathered information, the Gang Intelligence Unit can evaluate and analyze ways that provide decisions regarding housing and transporting inmates. The individuals' propensity for engaging in Security Risk Group related activity is evaluated. This information allows the facility to better plan searches, to appropriately adjust inmate housing, work assignments and visits to avoid potentially violent situations.

As seen in the following numbers listed, a total of 89 gang members entered the Ulster County Jail in FY'11. All of these gang members have been positively identified by members of the Gang Intelligence Unit and have had all of their personal information and gang affiliations documented and stored for further reference.

Categories:

Bloods:	48
Crips:	17
Latin Kings:	17
Other	<u>7</u>
Total Confirmed	89

E. SHERIFF'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Under the direction of Sgt C.J. Polacco and Corrections Officer Norman James, the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (**S.E.R.T.**) was established in 1990. The team started with 8 officers, and grew to 23 specialized trained staff. Throughout the team's tenure, it has participated in numerous high risk, high security transports and trials. One of its main functions is to conduct facility shakedowns on a regular basis. SERT members are assigned to handle facility problems, escort inmates to and from housing units and are prepared at a moment's notice to quell problems before they escalate. From time to time, SERT is called upon to handle crowd/riot control for requesting agencies. They completed over 600 hours of training. This training consisted of physical training in the weight room, chemical agents, cell extraction, cell searches, jail shake-downs, Article 35/Use of Force, hostage survival, and fire fighting and firearms certification. The Corrections Division and the Patrol Division continue to be joined together forming a larger and stronger S.E.R.T. team.

F. K9 UNIT

The K9 Team has again been a valuable asset to facility operations of the Ulster County Jail. C.O. Caunitz and his new partner K-9 "Jagger" have shared information with the Gang Intelligence Unit and local police agencies, from their pro-active security approach in visits. Each visitor is subject to narcotics and contraband searches. With the combined efforts of the K9 Team, Visiting Team and the Sheriff's Road Patrol, numerous arrests were made for both inmates and visitors through expired Driver's licenses and registrations.

Among their daily routines, Officer Caunitz and K9 Jagger, are also involved in such tasks as visitor searches for contraband, car searches (both visitors and employees), perimeter checks, shake downs, checking inmate mail, searching work crew inmates and road blocks.. The K9 Team conducted a total of 31,078 searches including 22,359 visitor lockers, 6507 visitors, 626 housing units, 1286 car searches and 300 other miscellaneous searches. There were 72 road blocks done this year and 13 arrests were made and

taken over by the Road Patrol for processing. The K9 Team received 4 requests from other outside agencies for assistance. The K9 Team also participates in community activities such as a demonstration at the Saugerties High School Law Class. The K9 Team participates annually in 72 hours of narcotics training and tracking.

G. NIMS (NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM)

Under Homeland Security Presidential Directive-4, Sgt. Charles J. Polacco III continued to assist disciplines within Ulster County as the NIMS Coordinator to become compliant with the directive HSPD-4(Homeland Security Presidential Directive-4.

In 2011 several disciplines received ICS (Incident Command System) training, while others wrote EOPs (Emergency Operations Plans). Some of these plans were tested by conducting table top exercises. Disciplines also set up NIMS Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST) accounts through the County NIMS Coordinator. This program reports the disciplines process of NIMS compliancy to the State and Federal Government.

Disciplines are working on planning full scale exercises, which will assist them in prevention, protection against, response to, and recovering from the effects of incidents, regardless, of cause, size, location, or complexity.

The City of Kingston hosted a full scale exercise. The exercise was a “DIRTY BOMB” that tested the capabilities of local and state emergency responders including the New York State Army National Guard out of Kingston. Over 600 responders participated in the exercise that lasted eight hours. August 28th, 2011, Ulster County fell victim to Hurricane Irene. The County of Ulster as well as municipalities within the county opened up their emergency operations plans to respond to the disaster. The Incident Command System (ICS) was used, disciplines melded together to give aide to the citizens. Mutual aid came from as far away as NYC and Buffalo.

H. TRANSPORTATION STATISTICS

Transport activity remained steady in all categories. Transporting officers must be thoroughly trained and provided with the equipment necessary to accomplish their task with efficiency and safety. Officers selected for this unit must exhibit the highest degree of mental, emotional and physical capabilities to successfully transport inmates. When transporting inmates for court appearances, the transporting officer must be alert to all conditions and potential hazards which surround the movement of the inmates to and from court. The transports include those inmates with scheduled medical appointments, funeral and deathbed visits and any other transport of inmates in our custody. Specialized equipment, vehicles and S.E.R.T. may be utilized for high-profile inmates, high risk inmates or transports for inmates with special medical and mental needs.

CATEGORY	2009	2010	2011
Number of Officer Hours	14,812	15,005	25411
Number of Officers Utilized	4,533	4,595	5054
Number of Inmates Transported	5,801	7,056	6720
Total Miles	171,835	134,747	132,390
Local Courts Transports	1,494	1,827	1929
State Transports	65	74	84

Medical Transports	318	388	395
Psych. Transports	12	2	0
Work Detail	216	216	196
Other *	802	480	545
Board – Ins	45	0	0
U.S. Federal Board-Ins	220	29	5
Total Trips	3,172	3,016	3154

* Includes corrections assistant errands, funeral details, death bed visits, escort cars, UCAT, etc.

Department vehicles were utilized for transportation to the following sites throughout the state: County Court, City Court, Village, Town and Family Courts, Medical, dental and psychiatric examinations, drug and alcohol rehab facilities, Public Defender's Office, court order pickups at State correctional facilities, other County jails and delivering inmates to psychiatric facilities (Mid-Hudson, Marcy). During this past year, we've also been picking up U.S. federal inmates from airports or Albany County Jail. Transports also include those inmates with scheduled medical appointments, and any other transport of inmates in our custody. Specialized equipment, vehicles and S.E.R.T. may be utilized for high-profile inmates, high risk inmates or transports for inmates with special medical and mental needs.

In addition, department vehicles are also utilized for corrections staff to attend and/or participate in training (Basic Academy, Firearms Academy, certification and re-certification of firearms).

I. FIRE SAFETY

As per Commission of Corrections minimum standard 7039, and the size and complexity of the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center staff, resources are required to perform mandated fire safety and security inspections. The facility has one full time Fire and Safety Officer (Officer George Hill) and 5 additional staff (Sgt. Charles Polacco, Cpl. Joseph Decker, Officer Ryan Petit, Officer Jason Meyer, and Officer John Barbiani), all trained to the Commission of Corrections standards for the relief capacity of the full time Fire and Safety Officer.

The Fire and Safety Officer's core job duties consist of weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual inspections of all the facilities fire protection and detection equipment such as automatic sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, cooking hood fire suppression equipment, hose cabinet systems, fire alarm systems, scba's, and hydrant's. Additional safety equipment inspections include eye wash stations, forklift, MSDS binders, medical equipment and defibrators. He is responsible for training of fire and safety related tasks to the staff. Additional responsibilities include accompanying the Department of Labor, PESH, OSHA, the Health Department, and the Commission of Corrections or any other inspector's of the facility.

The Fire Safety Officer coordinates with staff, all federal, state and locally mandated drills and exercises to be completed, such as the annual disaster drill and quarterly housing unit fire drills.

The Fire Safety Officer coordinates all fire suppression and fire related activities and assists the local fire department upon arrival, acting as the department liaison. The Fire and Safety Officer conducts facility familiarization training and walkthroughs of the facility to the local fire department on an annual basis.

The Fire Safety Officer conducts inspections on the corrections and criminal patrol vehicles fire and safety equipment ensuring all fire extinguishers, medical kits, respirators, flares and other safety devices are in-service.

J. VEHICLES

The total mileage logged by the Corrections Division for 2011 was 132,390. This is a 22% decrease from last year. There are 8 vans, 3 unmarked sedans, 5 SUV's and 1 K-9 Expedition and 1 cargo trailer for the work crew. The Correction Division is the primary transport for inmates in the Ulster County Jail.

VEHICLE #	YEAR / MAKE	ENDING MILES
302	2006 Ford 12 Passenger Van	45,524
303	2010 Chevy Tahoe	24,087
304	2002 Chevy 12 Passenger Van	35,622
305	2004 Ford 15 Passenger Van	64,398
306	2008 Chevy Van	24,511
307	2004 Ford 12 Passenger Van (Work Crew)	47,175
308	2011 Chevy Tahoe	3,842
309	2004 Ford Crown Victoria	107494
310	2006 Ford 11 Passenger Van	36,387
311	2010 Chevy Express Van (For S.E.R.T.)	16,768
312	2011 Chevy Tahoe	2,015
313	2005 Ford 12 Passenger Van	58,810
314	2008 Chevy Tahoe	61,691
315	2009 Chevy Tahoe	24,113
K9-6	2008 Ford Expedition	47,716
Sheriff	2000 Trailer Express (Work Crew)	45,524

IV. SUPPORT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

A. FOOD SERVICES

Food services for the Ulster County Jail and the Community Corrections Program are provided by ARAMARK Correctional Services. Ulster County Jail maintains 2 full time county cooks, while ARAMARK employs a Food Service Manager, and three other kitchen workers. The facility cooks prepared and served 333,571 meals to inmates and Corrections staff in 2011.

B. COMMISSARY

ARAMARK is responsible for all purchases by inmates through commissary. Profits generated from the sale of commissary goods offset the cost of the games, recreation equipment, television sets, and cablevision. There is no financial impact on Ulster County taxpayers for any of the above items purchased for inmate use in accordance with the New York State Minimum Standards. The FY'11 gross proceeds from inmate commissary were \$70,765, an increase of 12 % from last year.

C. INMATE TELEPHONES

On August 19, 2010, the facility changed vendors and now uses I.C. Solutions as the inmate telephone system provider. The new system offers the population access to call cell phones; there are also several

different ways for the inmates to make just collect calls. There are debit and prepaid accounts. Total revenue for telephone service was \$204,156, a slight increase from the previous year.

D. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Correctional Medical Care Inc. (C.M.C.) contractually provides forensic services to the Ulster County Jail. Under the contract with CMC, the psychiatrist provides 16 hours of service per week. For the year of 2011, 1,190 inmates were seen by the psychiatrist. In addition, the psychiatrist is part of a group of doctors that are on call 24 hours a day. This is an invaluable tool to the correction facility as inmates can be in crisis at anytime. C.M.C. also provides a forensic manager 40 hours per week. We continue to maintain constant supervisions which are monitored closely, tying up valuable staff hours as well as housing space.

Due to the new facility layout and procedure changes, the Certified Social Worker (C.S.W.) was able to see 1,647 inmates. Inmates seen by the Discharge Planner numbered 1,840.

E. MEDICAL SERVICES

2011 was the ninth full year of medical services provided by Correctional Medical Care Inc (C.M.C.). The medical staff completed 1,992 new inmate screenings. 5,422 inmate visits were made to nurse sick call, a 10% increase from last year. Also, 1,792 inmate visits were made to the physician and dentist. C.M.C. remains an accredited agency with the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC).

F. INMATE EXERCISE

Inmates are entitled to exercise periods which, at the discretion of the chief administrative officer, shall consist of at least 1 ½ hours during each of five days per week; or at least one hour seven days a week. The availability to exercise in the new facility has been greatly increased, due to the layout of the housing units.

G. INMATE VISITATION

Since Jan.1, approximately 19,879 civilians visited 9,419 inmates in separate visiting blocks. Staff members have worked closely with supervisors, S.E.R.T. and the K-9 Unit in locating contraband. They have also utilized effective communication skills, passing on valuable information gathered while speaking with inmates during visitation.

A total of 8 arrests in visits were made for the year. These arrests were contraband related. Tickets were issued as a result of road blocks and license checks using mobile cop.

Visitation security was enhanced by the combined efforts of the Criminal and Correction Divisions. The department K-9 acts as an additional measure for preventing contraband from entering the facility by outside sources.

H. INMATE WORK DETAIL

Each year, the work detail has worked setting up the Ulster County Fairgrounds and Seamon's Park in which the inmates plant for the Mum Festival. In addition, they set-up for the Garlic Festival held in

Saugerties each year. They sheet-rock, hang insulation, paint, plant, and built new structures. 664 inmates participated in the work detail crew, working 5,033 hours for Ulster County.

This detail helps inmates after release with the labor skills they have learned and applied. It also prepares them to be employable members of society and give back. In 2011, the detail worked at various locations, including; Fire Departments - Allergerville, Plattekill, Spring Lake, Hurley and West Hurley, Accord, Ulster Hose, Connelly and Lomontville. Other work details included various churches; Mt. Saint Alfonso, Port Ewen Methodist Church, Saint Paul's, Woodstock and Blue Mountain Church.

I. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Eligible youth are entitled to receive educational services and are encouraged to become involved in the programs offered by the Kingston City School District as they may obtain skills and credentials necessary to function more productively both during incarceration and after release. All youth's ages 16 through 21 that are admitted to U.C.L.E.C. are interviewed during an intake screening as to the last level of schooling they have completed. The Kingston School District distributes a handbook on the services provided. Youths are mandated to attend school as soon as they are incarcerated.

Due to a change in the teaching structure, the Kingston City School District now has (3) full-time teachers with one teaching assistant and one counselor. The teaching staff offers various studies, including; adult and teen G.E.D. preparation studies, remedial studies, life skills, post G.E.D. review and actions for personal choice (APC). Currently, the teachers use contact area teaching. This is more hands on approach. Math, Social Studies, Science, Language Arts and Writing have been more specifically addressed. This has proven to be benefiting the students, as it offers a much more structured environment and gives teachers the ability to target each individual students needs. The educational services also provide employment preparation education.

The G.E.D. can be administered after pre-testing and "tabe" testing (grade level equivalent) for the exam. Grade 11/12 must be attained for the G.E.D. If an inmate states he/she already has a G.E.D., or High School Diploma, it is first verified.

Graduating students now celebrate with pizza and a movie after completion of their G.E.D. Other students are now looking forward to the celebration of their accomplishments and rewards through what they have attained in education.

G.E.D. statistics for 2011: (Class time is based on 5.5 hours per day, 212 days per year).

I.Y.P. (Minors under the age of 21)

208	Enrolled in class
12	Took the G.E.D.
10	Passed the G.E.D.

ADULTS:

59	Enrolled in class
8	Took the G.E.D.
7	Passed the G.E.D.

J. REHABILITATION

With the reorganization of inmate programs and resources available to the inmate population, we are now able to provide a sufficient number of programs to meet the needs of the growing inmate population.

Volunteer Registry- The volunteer registry program continues to be a very successful program in the identification of volunteers visiting the facility. Applications are kept on file and reviewed yearly for all volunteers.

Law Library- The Law library is updated on a regular basis. On a routine schedule, law materials that are outdated are replaced with the appropriate updates as per the N.Y.S. minimum standards. The mobile computer kiosks allow for more time per housing unit for law studies.

Programs - Long standing programs continued their services this year. Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotic Anonymous, and Religious services of several different faiths were routinely attended by both male and female inmates. The female population is offered several programs: Ulster Literacy, which teaches the fundamentals of reading and writing, the YWCA which offers parenting class that has been well received, and the Maple Ridge and Woodcrest communities which continue with crafts, as well as other seasonal events.

Re-Entry – In the calendar year of 2011 the “Corrections for Life” program had 61 inmates successfully complete the intensive drug, alcohol, and re-entry skills class. In this 6-8 week program inmates that volunteered to participate were required to assemble each day for a minimum 1 hour formal group meeting. Meetings were structured similar to Alcoholics anonymous and each inmate was required to participate. In addition to these daily meetings we would invite local members of the Alcoholics and Narcotics anonymous community several times a week to hold additional meetings at night.

Each inmate is given basic life skills classes, these education portions of the program focused on essential life skills such as, keeping an accurate check book register, maintaining a home budget, simple money management skills, filling out job applications, composing resumes and job interview advice and coaching.

Of the 61 inmates that successfully completed the program two (2) returned to incarceration in this same calendar year for new criminal charges.

V. TRAINING & AWARDS

A. TRAINING

Training and staff development is an integral function of jail operations. Under the direction of the Training Coordinator (Sgt. Eddie Torres) is the responsibility of implementing the facility’s training program. There are a total of 24 certified BMP/COC instructors within the Ulster County Correction Division.

Certified Trainers include:

Warden Ray Acevedo

Capt. Jon Becker

C.O. Matthew Blum

C.O. Eamon Cunningham

Cpl. Joseph Decker

C.O. Vincent Decker

C.O. Bradford Ebel

Lt. Vincent Fiskaletti

C.O. George Hill

C.O. Chris Howe

C.O. Paul Julianano

C.O. Anthony Maggio

Cpl. Tracy McCoy

Sgt. Charles Polacco III

C.O. Wilbur Prutzman, Jr.

Captain Louis T. Russo Sr.

Lt. Nicholas Scott II

Sgt. John Steketee

Sgt. Eddie Torres

C.O. Norman James

In addition to all being General Topic Instructors, many are certified in specialized Train the Trainer topics such as Legal Issues, Firearms, Chemical Agents and Effective Communication, Defensive Tactics, Direct Supervision, Suicide Prevention and Ethics Awareness.

As an accredited agency, member training is recognized as an important factor in the Sheriff's Office responsibility and receives increased emphasis and effort by the training coordinator. Continual training consists of: an ongoing in-house service training program and search for outside applicable training courses or seminars. To satisfy the requirements of the NYS Sheriff's Association all staff members are required to receive 21 hours of in-service training. In addition, all Supervisors are required to receive an additional 21 hours of managerial training annually. I.C.S. 200 was accomplished among the supervisory levels throughout the department. Overall, in 2011, the Training Unit provided 12,342 hours of training to 2,807 members of the Correction Division and other county employees. The Basic Academy for newly hired correction officers is comprised of 160 hours within one year from the date of hire for peace officer training. We have sponsored several Correction Officer Basic Academy Courses. Instructors have also assisted other agencies in the field of legal services, defensive tactics, gang intelligence, report writing, and firearms. We also participate in career days and K-9 presentations in local schools and other organizations.

B. CORRECTIONS DIVISION AWARDS

Correction Officer of the Year

C.O. Linda Graham was awarded the employee of the year for 2011.

Outstanding Service Award

Diane Falzareno

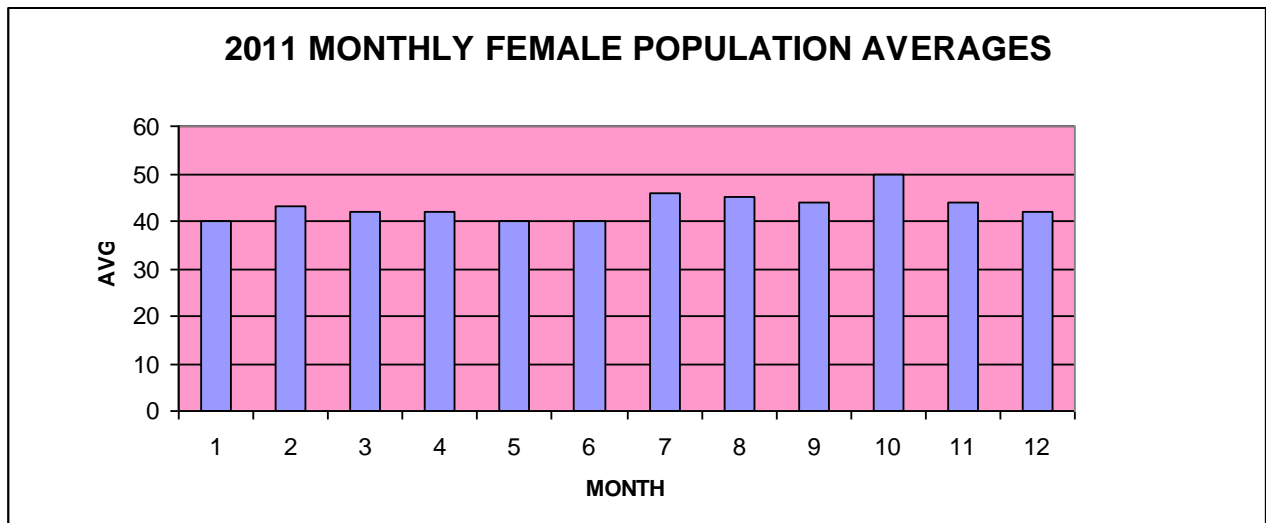
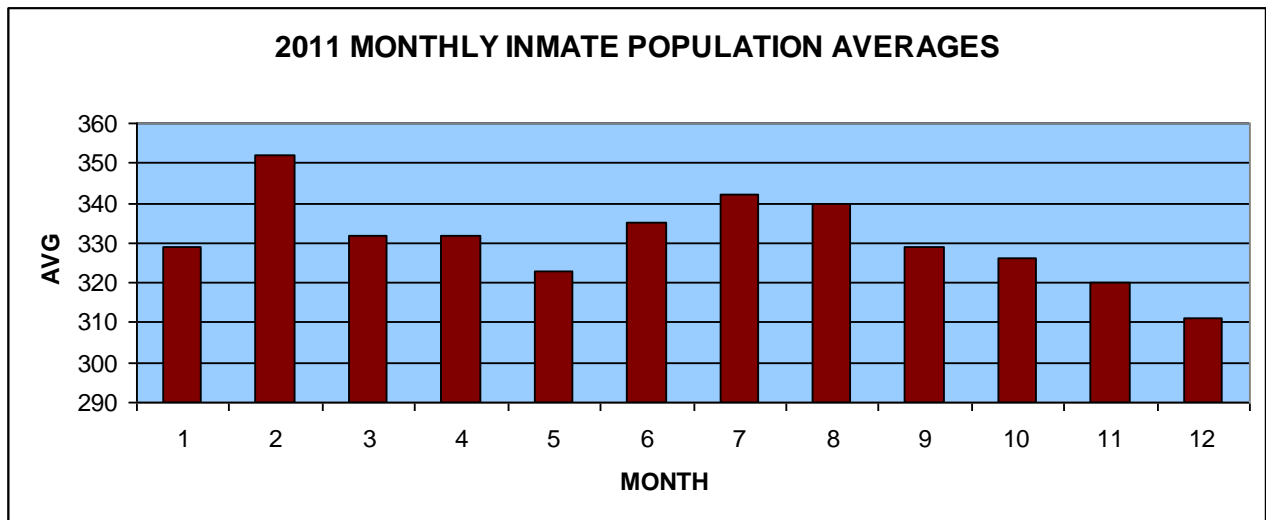
Correction Officer of the Quarter

The Officer of the Quarter program was initiated to recognize officers of the department for their role as correction professionals in the overall operation of the facility and their contribution to the local criminal justice system.

2011 Officers of the Quarter were:

Correction Officer Eamon Cunningham	1st Qtr.
Correction Officer Christopher Rider	2nd Qtr.
Correction Officer Patrick Ruiz	3rd Qtr.
Correction Officer Joseph Martini	4th Qtr.

2011 MONTHLY POPULATION AVERAGES



Sheriff's Office Departmental Awards 2011

Letter of Recognition

Officer Jeff Breithaupt
Deputy Glenn Buchinger
Officer James Wenzel
Detectives Unit (3)
Officer Anthony Maggio

Corporal Edward DeCicco
Officer Tracy Patterson
Deputy James Slinsky
Officer Matthew Bogert
Corr. Sgt. Charles Polacco II

Corr. Sgt. John Steketee
Deputy Joseph Sciutto
Officer Thomas Rinaldi (2)
U.R.G.E.N.T.
Officer Clifford Bell

Excellent Duty Award

Deputy Kyle Frano
Officer Matthew Blum
Corr. Sgt. Kerry Winters
Deputy Lillian Tuey

Deputy Joseph Sciutto (2)
Officer Anthony Maggio (2)
Deputy Paul Costa
Officer Thomas Rinaldi

Det. Sgt. Dirk Budd
Deputy Stuart McKenzie
Officer Paul Juliano
Officer Chris Howe

Exceptional Duty Award

Corr. Sgt. Charles Polacco II

Patrol Sgt. Kevin Richards

Deputy Donald Hughes

Corporal Joseph Decker
Deputy Scott Buchinger
Patrol Sgt. Kevin Richards

Honorable Service Award
Dispatcher Jerrold Brainard
Patrol Sgt. George Goodwin
Deputy Craig Miller

Deputy Mario Tagliafierro
Officer Norman James

Meritorious Service Award

Officer John Lerchenmueller
Deputy Joseph Steyer

Officer Norman James
Deputy David Hughes (2)

Officer Travis Rossman
Deputy Gary Zwerdling

Civilian Service Award

Anthony J. Pumilia

Civilian Employee of the Year

Patricia Jones

Corrections Officer of the Year

Officer Linda Graham

Deputy Sheriff of the Year

Detective Michael Andrews

Recipients were honored at the Sheriff's Annual Awards Banquet held on May 12, 2011.